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TARIFFS AND TAXES OF CENTRAL EUROPE PIPELINE
SYSTEM (CEPS)

REF: USNATO 1993

1. AGREE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 6 REFTEL.

2. REFTEL REPRESENTS AN EXCELLENT SUMMARY OF CURRENT
NEGOTIATIONS ON TARIFFS, TAXES AND OPERATING DEFICITS. IN
OUR OPINION, YOUR NEGOTIATING POSITION AND PROPOSALS ARE
APPROPRIATE AND VALID.

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3. YOU SHOULD CONTINUE ON PRESENT COURSE OF JUSTIFYING
US POSITIONS SOLELY ON FINANCIAL GROUNDS, MAKING EVERY
EFFORT TO OBTAIN (1) A POSITIVE RESOLUTION OF LONG STANDING
ISSUES ON ELIMINATION OF TAXES, REDUCED COSTS, AND IN-
CREASED COMMERCIAL TARIFFS, OR (2) A REDUCTION/ ELIMINATION
OF USER NATIONS CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEFICIT. ROGERS

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